REMARKS

The specification has been amended to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Claims 1-13 from the parent application have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 14-22 are pending for examination.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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